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SUBJECT: ADVANCE OF INT'L MARITIME ORGANIZATION'S MARITIME SAFETY COMM MEETING STARTING 29 NOVEMBER

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Per reftel, post delivered talking points to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Government of Suriname (GOS) acknowledged receipt of information. Maritime Authority spokesman Robert Chin, who is advising GOS Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said that GOS does support the USG's proposals, the Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) system and augmentation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), but is unable to send a representative to the Maritime Safety Committee in Istanbul. Mr. Chin said he is preparing a letter that he will send to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support the vote, which should be expedited to the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee.

Post will inform the Department of any other response from GOS.

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